

full swing, but the fighting was about to come to a close.

On August 15, the Empire of Japan announced that it would surrender to the Allies in accordance with the Allied terms laid out at the Potsdam Conference. In Japan, Emperor Hirohito spoke on the radio announcing his country's surrender. It was the first time the Japanese people had ever heard his voice.

Across the United States, soldiers and civilians rejoiced together in the streets. The Japanese announcement represented the end of nearly four long years of war. On foreign battlefields, thousands of brave, young Americans had lost their lives, and many more returned home with the wounds of war. On the home front, laborers worked long hours in the factories, kids collected scrap metal, and families endured rationing. From Kilroy to Rosie the Riveter, all Americans were ready to embrace victory.

The day of the formal surrender finally arrived, and in the morning of September 2, representatives from the Allied powers made their way to the USS *Missouri*. Anchored in Tokyo Bay, the *Missouri* proudly displayed the flag flown aboard Commodore Matthew Perry's flagship when he sailed into Tokyo Bay in 1853 to sign a treaty with Japan.

Admiral Chester Nimitz then welcomed aboard General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in the Pacific, and the two took their places behind the surrender table.

Finally, just before 9 a.m., the delegation from the Japanese surrender cabinet made their way on board.

After brief remarks from General MacArthur, Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu and General Yoshijiro Umezu signed the Instrument of Surrender on behalf of the government and armed forces respectively. General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz each then signed the document and were followed by representatives from eight other nations. Once all of signatures were made, General MacArthur declared, "Let us pray that peace be now restored to the world and that God will preserve it always. These proceedings are now closed!"

Mr. Speaker, the costly victory won by the United States and her allies in World War II gave the world a new era of peace and prosperity. It allowed millions around the world who had previously been under the yoke of fascism to enjoy the blessings of liberty and freedom. American soldiers dethroned tyrannical regimes in Europe and Asia, and we must never forget the sacrifices they made defending our country. After all, the worst casualty of war is to be forgotten.

And that is just the way it is.

DAVID LEWIS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of David Lewis on the occasion of his 20th year as the executive director of Save the Bay. A nationally renowned conservation leader, David's work has had a remarkable impact on the preservation and expansion of the Bay Area's natural environment.

Born in Palo Alto, California, David earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University. During his time in college, David became passionate about nuclear arms control, and after graduating in 1983, he went to work for Friends of the Earth in Washington, D.C. as an arms control specialist. By 1985, David became the Director of Policy and Legislation for Physicians for Social Responsibility and by 1991, he went to work for Senator Carl Levin as a senior legislative assistant. Finally, in 1996 he became the chief operations officer for the League of Conservation Voters where he would conclude his 14-year career in Washington, D.C.

By 1998, Mr. Lewis accepted an offer to become the Executive Director of Save the Bay and moved back to the Bay Area. David's leadership was promptly tested that year by a proposal put forward by the San Francisco International Airport to expand runways through bay fill. The proposal had wide support and appeared to be a lost cause to the conservation community at the time. David however, was able to provide cheaper and more effective alternatives that prevented further encroachment into the bay, a negotiating model for which Save the Bay has now become known. Through continued lobbying, negotiation, and community organizing, David was eventually able to get the airport to go with his proposal.

Save the Bay's actions and advocacy have continued to grow under Mr. Lewis' leadership. The organization has remained vigilant in fighting the encroachment of development into the bay, and has expanded community outreach and education to create broader public stewardship. David's leadership has also led to greater cooperation on conservation policies between conservation groups, businesses, and community organizations. Most recently, David led a successful campaign for a nine-county parcel tax that will provide needed revenue for wetland restoration to mitigate the dangerous impacts of climate change.

Mr. Speaker, as Bay Area shores become increasingly urbanized and sea levels continue to rise, the work done by organizations like Save the Bay will be critical for the long-term viability of the communities who call this region home. Therefore, please join me in thanking David Lewis for his ongoing leadership and service to the public.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on May 10, 2018 due to an unforeseen delay. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YES on Roll Call No. 180.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, I missed

votes due to an illness. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On Roll Call no. 382, on ordering the previous question, I would have voted Yes.

On Roll Call no. 383, the adoption of the Combined Rule Providing for Consideration of H.R. 1635 and H.R. 4606, I would have voted Yes.

On Roll Call no. 384, the Democrat Motion to Recommit, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call no. 385, passage of H.R. 1635, the Empowering Students through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act, I would have voted Yes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on Tuesday, September 4. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call Vote Number 380 (Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 6157, the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019): YES.

On Roll Call Vote Number 381 (Passage of H.R. 6439, the Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Authorization Act): YES.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 382, 383, 384, and 385 on September 5, 2018, due to recent surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted: on roll call vote no. 382, I would have voted NO; on roll call vote no. 383, I would have voted NO; on roll call vote no. 384, I would have voted YES; and on roll call vote no. 385, I would have voted YES.

CONGRATULATING HELEN KELLER SERVICES (HKS)

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Helen Keller Services (HKS) on its 125th anniversary, which will be celebrated at its Gala at the Liberty Warehouse in Brooklyn, New York on September 13, 2018.

I am pleased to learn the news of the non-profit organization's move this fall of its headquarters to a new 44,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility located in my district at 180 Livingston Street in Brooklyn. This modern structure will house new classrooms and training rooms; a specialized gym for pre-kindergarten students; new offices and workstations, a Low Vision Center and a technology training space.

Since 1893, Helen Keller Services has been steadfastly committed to improving the lives of